Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A dispenser for dispensing pulverulent coating material, the dispenser including an opening through which the pulverulent material is discharged and a conduit through which the pulverulent material is transported from a source, the conduit including a first reducer section, a first expander section coupled to the first reducer section, the first expander section downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the first reducer section, a second reducer section coupled to the first expander section, the second reducer section downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the first expander section, and a second expander section coupled to the second reducer section, the second expander section downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the second reducer section, the second expander section ~~a first section of the conduit~~ adjacent the opening having a cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent coating material through the ~~first section, the cross section of the first~~ second expander section ~~being~~ which is generally rectangular.

2-4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the ~~first~~ second reducer section includes a cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent coating material through the ~~first~~ second reducer section, the cross section of the ~~first~~ second reducer section also being generally rectangular.

6-18. (cancelled)

19. (new) The dispenser of claim 5 wherein the first reducer section includes a first reducer section inlet end and a first reducer section outlet end, the first expander section includes a first expander section inlet end and a first expander section outlet end, the first reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and the first expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the first expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and first expander section.

20. (new) The dispenser of claim 19 wherein the second reducer section includes a second reducer section inlet end and a second reducer section outlet end, the second expander section includes a second expander section inlet end and a second expander section outlet end, the second reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and the second expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the

second expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and second expander section.

21. (new) The dispenser of claim 5 wherein the second reducer section includes a second reducer section inlet end and a second reducer section outlet end, the second expander section includes a second expander section inlet end and a second expander section outlet end, the second reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and the second expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the second expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and second expander section.

22. (new) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the first reducer section includes a first reducer section inlet end and a first reducer section outlet end, the first expander section includes a first expander section inlet end and a first expander section outlet end, the first reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and the first expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the first expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and first expander section.

23. (new) The dispenser of claim 22 wherein the second reducer section includes a second reducer section inlet end and a second reducer section outlet end, the second expander section includes a second expander section inlet end and a second expander section outlet end, the second reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and the second expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the second expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and second expander section.

24. (new) The dispenser of claim 1 wherein the second reducer section includes a second reducer section inlet end and a second reducer section outlet end, the second expander section includes a second expander section inlet end and a second expander section outlet end, the second reducer section outlet end having a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and the second expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the second expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and second expander section.